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WLL TECHNOLOGY BY BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has any plants to launch mobile telephone services in some parts of the country using WLL technology;

(b) if so, the State where BSNL plans to start initial mobile telephone operations;

(c) the estimated cost of the project; and

(d) the extent to which it has helped to remove the need of expanding the old system of Fixed Exchange telephone services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to give some limited mobile telephone connections also along with fixed telephone service using WLL technology. The list of State along with the cities where such service is proposed is given in the annexure.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project (mobile service & fixed service) is approximately Rs. 156. crores.

(d) The proposed service is yet to be launched. However, it will help in giving telephone connection in congested/Technically non Feasible (TNF) areas where laying of cable is a problem.

ANNEXURE

S.No.	State	City
1.	West Bengal	Calcutta
2.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
3.	Karnataka	Bangalore
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
5.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur,Lucknow
7	Rajasthan	Jaipur
8.	Kerala	Ernakulam
9.	Maharashtra	Pune
10.	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
11.	Bihar	Patna
12.	Punjab	Chandigarh,Ludhiana
13.	Haryana	Gurgaon
14.	Assam	Guwahati